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During the night of 16 October 1950 large numbers of Soviet troops returned to Stendal (L 53/Y 85) from Letzling Heath and from field exercises in the Gardelegen area. They were estimated at about 3,000. 143 vehicles coming from the direction of Gardelegen. Several local residents also reported that about 300 vehicles moved into the barracks installations of Stendal during that night. Most of the vehicles were occupied by eight to twelve soldiers each. Some of them were loaded with equipment, especially signal equipment. Eight trucks towed field kitchens and nine towed AT guns of about 47 mm caliber. The following motor vehicle were noted:

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On 21 October 1950 the Taunzien Kaserne quartered about 1,500 troops who wore black-bordered crimson epaulets. All windows of the installation were lighted at nightfall. No training activity was observed outside the billeting area. The troops seemed to be fully engaged in refurbishing their quarters. Motor vehicles

were seen in the billeting area. **

The Hindenburg Kaserne seemed to be occupied to capacity by about 2,500 troops who wore black-bordered crimson epaulets, red-bordered black epaulets, and black epaulets. Since the time the troops returned to the installation, there has been intensive traffic between the Hindenburg Kaserne and the Albrecht der Paer Kaserne. about thirty T-34 tanks moved into the Hindenburg Kaserne during the night of 13 October 1950. Motor vehicles

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were seen in the billeting area. **

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4. Some of the troops who returned to Stendal during the night of 16 October 1950 moved into the Albrecht der Baer Kaserne. The number of troops quartered in the installation on 21 October 1950 could not be determined. Motor vehicles [redacted]

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[redacted] were observed in barracks traffic. Sentries in front of the headquarters buildings on Hardenbergstrasse wore black-bordered crimson epaulets.

- * [redacted] Comment. Headquarters units of the LXXIX Mtz Rifle Corps and elements of the 207th Mtz Rifle Div which returned to their Stendal home station from fall maneuvers and from Letzling Heath. A large percentage of the units from Stendal had left the post toward Magdeburg during the night of 1 October 1950. [redacted]

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- ** [redacted] Comment. [redacted] the Tauentzien Kaserne quartered about 1,000 troops and the Hindenburg Kaserne about 1,200 troops. [redacted] The two barracks installations are occupied by components of the 207th Mtz Rifle Div. The considerably greater number of troops who were observed in the Hindenburg Kaserne on 21 October 1950 were newly arrived recruits and some small units of the division, in addition to the units permanently quartered there.

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